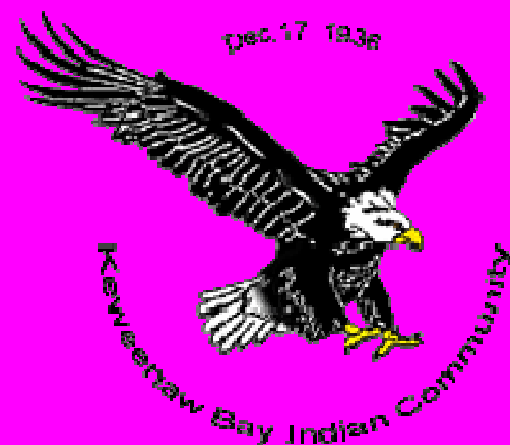




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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**  
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## 29th Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 4, 2007 Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Weed & Seed
- KBIC Leaders Meet With U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
- KBIC Wins Tribal Walking Challenge
- KBTPD Receives New Patrol Units
- Fiesta! A Good Time Had.
- KBIC College Graduates
- Okosimaan Gitigaan (Pumpkin Garden)
- Aabinoojiiyens

It was beautiful weather for the well attended grand event weekend in Keweenaw Bay. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Annual Pow-wow was held on July 27-29, 2007, at the Ojibwa Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. This year's event began on Friday evening with a 7:00 p.m. Grand Entry, a great welcoming speech by President Susan LaFerner, the Princess Coronation and the honoring of the elders.

Chelsea Lynn Seymour is representing Keweenaw Bay once she was crowned Friday evening, as Miss Keweenaw Bay. The fourteen-year-old Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, of the Eagle Clan, will wear the crown for the next twelve months as she travels to many locations as KB's royalty. Chelsea is the daughter of Michael and Tammi Seymour of Harvey, Michigan. She is a Fancy Shawl dancer, who has been taught her culture and how to respect her heritage, she vows to be good role model and pass all that she has learned to the younger generation.

The honored elders were presented with quilts and other gifts on Friday evening as well. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community appreciates the dedication that Dave, John, Nellie and Veronica have given to our community and country. Dave Firestone is the son of Doris Picard, grandson of Leonard and Eliza Picard. He retired two years ago as the Elderly

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## AUGUST 4, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 4, 2007. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Invocation—an opening prayer in Ojibwa and the Lord's Prayer were cited. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council.

Susan LaFerner reported in the President's Report, that she believes good news will be coming in the next few months regarding the Indian Health Care Improvement Act which has not been reauthorized by Congress for ten years. Senator Dorgan, who is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, has been working hard to get this Act passed recently by adding it as an amendment to the State Children's Health Insurance Program Bill. (See news release on page three for further information.) On July 30, 2007, the Michigan DEQ issued a proposed decision to grant a Mining Permit to Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company for the proposed Eagle Project mine in Marquette County. They will now hold public input sessions to accept public comment on the proposed decision on: September 11-12, at 1:00-4:30 pm and 6:00-9:30 pm at the West Branch Community Center; September 13, 2007, at 1:00-4:30 pm at the Old KI Sawyer AFB; and on September 19, 2007, at 1:00-4:30 pm and 6:00-9:30 pm at Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. The public input sessions will also cover Kennecott's applications to the Michigan DNR for the use of state-owned surface property for Kennecott's proposed processing and storage facilities. Written comments will also be accepted until October 17, 2007, and a final decision may be made on or before November 14, 2007, unless more information is required. On July 24, 2007, President LaFerner met with Bruce Peterson, District Conservationist, Mike LaPointe, Area Conservationist, and the State's new Conservationist Garry Lee. President LaFerner gave them a tour of the Tribal Center and they also visited Sand Point reclamation area, marina, and campgrounds. Peterson's goal is to meet with the leaders of the 12 recognized tribes in Michigan to discuss the programs and assistance that the Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide and to learn more about the history and natural resources needs of each Tribe. President LaFerner and CEO Larry Denomie attended the Baraga Casino's employee meeting on July 25, 2007, at the Bingo Hall. They discussed budgets and the budgeting process, the excellent customer service training, the review of the evacuation/disaster plan, the chain of command, and they received a marketing update. John Mantila, Casino General Manager, informed them and the employees at this meeting that the July 2007 issue of the "Midwest Gaming & Travel Magazine" has announced the winners of various categories regarding customer's visits to the Midwest Native American Casinos. Our Ojibwa Casino's won four categories for Michigan: Best Slot Attendants, Most Friendly Staff, Most Knowledgeable Staff, and the Friendliest Dealers! A combined community presentation on drugs, the lake levels, and other topics of interest will be held toward the end of August, or the beginning of September. Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG (353-3784). Please call if you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our Reservation or in our Communities. Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise. The 29th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Pow-Wow, "Embracing Our Past to Protect Our Future" was held on July 27-29, 2007. It was wonderfully attended. President LaFerner expressed a thank you to the Pow-Wow Committee who worked very hard for many months for a fine pow-wow. Congratulations to Miss Keweenaw Bay, Chelsea Lynn Seymour, and to our honored elders: Dave Firestone, John Jacker, Nellie LeMaire and Veronica Adams. President LaFerner stated that she was honored to present the welcome on Friday evening. On July 28, 2007, President LaFerner attended an evening reception in Marquette at a private home to honor the distinguished service of United States Senator Carl Levin. She was able to meet with him and discuss issues specific to the status of our Marquette Casino transfer to the former airport location. Senator Levin recently decided to support the H.R. 2176 Bill that would authorize an off-reservation casino in Port Huron (if it reaches the Senate) for the Bay Mills Indian Community that has been a project since 2002, with Governor Engler. The Council met a few weeks ago regarding future economic development and President LaFerner stated that she plans to discuss the casino issue and our land claims report in our next Economic Development Planning meeting with Council. At that meeting, the Council formed a task force committee to work on the issues of our Marquette airport casino project. Larry Denomie, David Haataja, John Mantila, Eddy Edwards, John Baker, Francis (Hosh) LaPointe and President LaFerner were chosen for that

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committee. On July 30, 2007, Tribal Council held a meeting for Tribal members only at the OCC gymnasium. President LaFerner thanked those who attended and those who prepared for this meeting. Jennifer Misegan and Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr. presented a power point presentation on the history of our tax agreements since 1977, history of our cigarette tax case and sales/use tax case, with the various options and decisions that Council will have to make. There was a time for questions and comments included in the meeting format. Attorney Mary Streitz, of Dorsey & Whitney law firm, and Tribal Attorney John Baker were also present. The Council will be presenting more on these topics in the near future.

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for July. The Senior Assistance Program funding was supposed to be distributed in July. It has taken longer than expected to receive all of the seniors' responses back. The distribution of payments to vendors will be processed the week of August 6, 2007. The CEO's office will be reviewing this year's process in an attempt to improve the procedure to ensure payments are distributed more timely next year. Attorney Joe Mrstik resigned his employment with KBIC legal department. His last day was July 27, 2007. An amended job description is being devised and will be presented to Council in the near future. Attorney Christoff Geiger is away for a period of time also, due to a family emergency. This puts Attorney John Baker handling legal matters for up to thirty days. LeAnn Tallbear of South Dakota will begin her employment with KBIC as the new Grant Writer on August 6, 2007. Tribal Council held a meeting on July 19, 2007, addressing the communities economic development needs. A conclusion meeting will be held on August 9, 2007, to complete the discussion and review the options to meet the community's needs in this area at that time. The Police Department's new patrol vehicles have arrived and the unmarked vehicles are being used to patrol the reservation at this time. The two black Dodge Chargers currently have light bars and will be detailed with graphics in the very near future. A plan is being developed to move the Anokii Business Center to a tribal owned vacant building in the industrial park. The move is expected to be completed within the next 60 days. The community's health insurance plan options presentation meeting has been moved from July to August to allow the representative more time to gather specific information needed for the presentation. Dotti Pryor, Manager of the Pressbox presented to Council the need for replacement of the current scoring system. The new proposed system would not only bring in additional revenues but would meet the needs of the bowling leagues much better. Tribal Council approved the new scoring system for the Ojibwa Lanes (Pressbox). Tribal Council has amended the Emergency Funding policy. Changes to the policy will better reflect the needs of the community and members. The medical assistance section of the program has been expanded to include gas allowance for medical appointments that are less than 100 miles away but not considered local. Additional funding was also approved but will not become effective until the new fiscal year (October 1).

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for July 2007. During the month of July, Council held one regular meeting and four special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on July 14, 2007, and is reported in the August 2007 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on July 12, 2007: approved meeting minutes from June 2, 2007, and June 7, 2007; approved the Service Agreement of STS Consultants for Brownfield Cleanup Criteria and Assessment for \$35,200; agreed to request a rehearing of the Bykkonen vs. KBIC Case; approved the Risk Assessment Protocol Services Agreement with DPRA Inc. for \$11,600; approved the BMI Radio Station Blanket/Per Program License Extension Agreement for both of our radio stations; approved 3-5-7 Poker for the Baraga & Marquette Casinos; and designated the Powerdam Road Junkyard as a Brownfield Site for the NRD to move forward with an assessment to identify environment problems that may be present. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on July 19, 2007: approved meeting minutes from June 14, 2007, June 21, 2007, and June 22, 2007; received an Accreditation Update from Mary Breslin of the Higher Learning Commission; allocated \$50,000 to the Tribal Health fund; approved a new scoring system for the Pressbox from Qubica for \$60,173.60; approved the service agreement with Chris Voakes Customs to paint the school bus for \$2,298; approved the construction contract with Larsen Well Drilling/LLC Larson Pump Company for a new well and a replacement well at New day for \$17,380; approved the Purchase Agreement to purchase Joseph Waara's property for \$206,000; moved the September 1, 2007, regular scheduled meeting to September 8, 2007, due to the Labor Day Holiday; donated

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\$1000 to Carl Levin’s reception; and awarded the bid for a new roof at the Health Center to Drift Roofing for \$24,478. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on July 26, 2007: approved meeting minutes from August 6, 2005, and June 28, 2007; approved up to \$30,000 for Anishnaabemowin Immersion Classes from Bay Mills Community College to be held here; approved revisions to the Emergency Funding Policy. The funding amount will increase to \$300 on October 1, 2007; approved KB1563-2007 for the ITC Community Services Block Grant; approved the area selected for TSI; approved the bid from Ojibwa Builders for the Radio Station Roof for \$5,100; approved the business license of Koski’s Wheels owned by Stacey Koski; approved July donations totaling \$1,300; and approved revised progressive agreements with WMS Gaming for Baraga & Marquette. The following action occurred during the special meeting held on July 27, 2007: approved the Broker Dealer Contract between KBIC and Financial Tele-sis for the 401K plan.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer’s Report for July 2007. The approved June donations totaled \$4,425 and were: Todd Pittsley stockcar sponsorship—\$250; Tashina Emery for a Travel Club Trip—\$300; Zeba’s Finest Softball Team sponsorship—\$375; and Baraga County ATV Planning Group (sponsorship of first annual run event)—\$3,500. The approved July donations totaled \$1,300 and were: Ethan Smith cello purchase—\$250; Gardner Bess III BMX sponsorship—\$250; Jennifer Klopstein stockcar sponsorship—\$250; Senator Debbie Stabenow campaign sponsorship—\$250; and Rangers Post 6165, VFW, sponsorship of Vietnam War Moving Wall Memorial—\$300. On July 26, 2007, Tribal Council met with Chief Financial Officer, Francis (Hosh) LaPointe. Mr. LaPointe reviewed the Government Audit at length, and several questions were discussed. It was a clean audit, and Jennifer thanked the Accounting staff. Department Heads and Managers have been busy working their proposed budgets for fiscal year 2008. Their budgets have all not been completed, which may postpone our annual budget meetings by one week.

Motions were passed for approval of the minutes for August 11, 2005, minutes for July 12, 2007, and department head reports for the month of June 2007.

Council authorized the use of six canoes for canoe races at the employee picnic. Council also authorized four deer tags for the New Day Pow-wow and for the ceremony feast being held at New Day. Elizabeth Connor requested sponsorship funding for an all-native team (10 participants) traveling to a tournament in Black River Falls being held in late-summer. Council authorized \$500 sponsorship money and three tanks of gas for the team.

Council entered closed session with Pauline Spruce, John Baker, Tracy Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Susan LaFernier, and Larry Denomie on the agenda. Upon return to open session, Council authorized to dissolve a “line of credit” with Four Directions Petroleum (which was never utilized); authorized an addition of \$10,000 to the Pow-wow budget to cover the honorariums for the committee members; and approved the Assistant Tribal Attorney’s Job Description.

**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid Commits to Bringing Indian Health Care Improvement Act to a Vote this Session of Congress**

Washington—August 1, 2007—In a statement today on the floor of the U.S. Senate, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (N-NV) said he would bring S.1200, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) reauthorization bill, to a Senate vote during “this session of Congress”—a promising sign for Native people who have, for years, endured substandard health care services.

“I say to my friend, through the Chair, that we are going to do the bill this year if it reported out of the finance committee,” said Reid, referring to Senate Byron Dorgan (D-ND). “We will find a way.” Reid later added, “So I support my friend from North Dakota and will do everything I can to move this forward and do something this session of Congress.”

Substandard health care in Indian Country translates into devastating statistics. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights reported in 2003, that “American Indian youths are twice as likely to commit suicide, Native Americans are 640 percent more likely to die from alcoholism, 650 percent more likely to die from tuberculosis, 318 percent more likely to die from diabetes, and 204 percent more likely to suffer accidental death compared with other groups.”

“On behalf of Indian Country, I am extremely grateful for the Leadership’s commitment to this crucial vote,” said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia. “The vote is

years overdue, and I thank Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle for their attention and work on behalf of Improved health care for Native people. We are almost there.”

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, promised Dorgan, on the Senate floor that the final mark-up/meeting on the IHCIA will be held in the Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 12.

“I appreciate the sense of urgency Senators Reid and Baucus are expressing with their commitments to move this legislation, and I commend them for it,” Dorgan said. “The crisis in Indian health care needs urgent attention and action, and I am grateful for their pledges to see that both the Finance Committee and the full Senate will consider this legislation promptly.”

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), a co-sponsor of S.1200 said, “The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is crucial to the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives. I welcome the Majority Leader’s commitment to finally give the full Senate the opportunity to support this legislation.”

The IHCIA would allocate funding to address the current needs in Indian health and provide Indian people with the same modernized and technologically advanced health care delivery systems and services that are already afforded to mainstream America.

“NCAI will continue to work with Congress to ensure these promises are fulfilled in the next few months,” said Garcia. “We expect bi-partisan support from the full Senate.”

**Okosimaan Gitigaan (Pumpkin Garden)  
Submitted by Barb Bradley**

For my NMU Native American Studies Service Learning Project this niibin, we planted an okosimaan gitigaan at the tribal community center in Harvey. With the Center for Native American Studies, KBIC Weed and Seed, and KBIC Youth Committees working together, we were able to provide a gardening experience for tribal youth. Most of the children (ages five-twelve) were from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, but we also had two participants from the Sault Tribe and one from Lac du Flambeau. Our lessons included:

- Using the medicine wheel as a tool for the stages of a garden (in which we also planted a four-colored flower medicine wheel in the center of our *gitigaan*)
- Learning the difference between heirloom and hybrid *miinikaanan* (seeds) and about several pumpkin varieties (we also planted native, heirloom sunflowers) Composting (And yes, there is a word for “compost” in Ojibwemowin – *neb-washkigaadegin*.)
- Installing a *zhingob* (balsam) weather stick for predicting fair or foul weather.
- Making a “scare-away girl”, *oshaakaaniniikwezens* (since traditionally, it was the women and girls in the Ojibwe culture who shooed away the crows)

We used Ojibwemowin garden terminology throughout our six workshops and each child went home with an Ojibwe garden glossary. Even during our snack times, of wholesome food and drinks from the Marquette Food Coop, we carried on conversations using the language when it was known.

Throughout heat waves, hailstorms, and drought our little gitigaan has been growing, but we’re not counting our *okosimaanan* until they’re harvested. From this experience, I can see that new “seeds” have been planted in the children. It seems that they have grown closer and have more respect for Maamaa Aki now. I can see it in their smiles when they are in the garden. We are hoping that this little gitigaan will be the beginning of a larger community garden.



KBIC youth Neebin Pietila-Ashbrook with Oshaakaaniniikwezens (scare-away-girl).

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## 2007 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Jennie Haataja, a Michigan State University sophomore from L'Anse, has been selected as the second recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, reviewed the applicants and selected Haataja to receive the scholarship.

Jennie is majoring in Medical Technology. She is a graduate of L'Anse High School and worked as an intern in the Tribal Dental Clinic this past summer.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board as well as their Dental Assistant for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2007-08 academic year will be available in June 2008. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

## The Education Department is pleased to announce the following eleven KBIC College graduates for the 2006-07 academic year:

- Linda Abbott, Certificate, Northern Michigan University, LPN
- Miranda Voakes, Associate Degree, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice
- Daniel Paavola, Associate Degree, Northern Michigan University, Climate Control Technology
- Gregory Bressette, Associate Degree, Gogebic Community College, Criminal Justice
- Janice Halverson, Associate Degree, Bay de Noc Community College, General Education
- Diana Shannon Chaudier, Bachelor Degree, Northern Michigan University, Media Production & New Technology
- Michael Owens, Bachelor Degree, Northern Michigan University, Philosophy
- Angela Badke, Bachelor Degree, Michigan Technological University, Liberal Arts
- Lora Duschene, Bachelor Degree, Michigan State University, Communications
- Kristin Mantila, Bachelor Degree, University of Michigan, Biological Anthropology and Zoology
- Jean Jokinen, Bachelor Degree, Lake Superior State University, Business

**Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!**

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Meet Sheyanne Marie, born 07/19/2007, to Jennifer Reed and Fred Cote III. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches at birth.



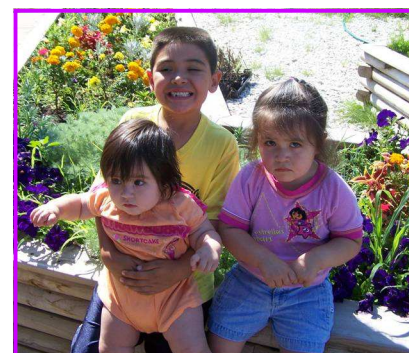
Meet Rion Richard Fountaine, born 07/12/2007, to Kristine Maki and Cory Fountaine. He weighed 6lbs. 4.3 oz. and was 18.5 inches at birth.



Meet Rowen Rexford, born 07/17/2007, to Chris and Betsy Rexford. She weighed 8 lbs. 9oz. and was 21 inches at birth.



Meet Abrie Leigh Sirrine, born 05/27/2007, to Theresa Sirrine of Pawpaw, Michigan. She weighed 6 lbs. 5oz. and was 19 1/4 inches at birth. Abrie is the granddaughter of Jim Wood and the great-grand-daughter of Louella Wood.



Meet Jessica Tamayo, born 10/18/2006, to Manuel and Rhonda Tamayo of Kaukauna, WI. Jessica (who is now nine months old) is pictured with her big sister Blanca (age 2 1/2), and is held by her big brother Steven (age six). Grandparents are Ronald and Elizabeth Spruce.





# KBIC Wins Tribal Walking Challenge



Pictured are (front r to l) Mary Tikkanen, Heather Wood, Denise Maki, Theresa Massie, Gina LaBeau. (Back r to l) Kathy Lanczy, Lilly Capozzoli, Alynna Tollefson. Missing from the photo are Mike Beiring, Monica Kohn, and Dr. Joseph Zobro.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Steps the Healthier Annishinaabe challenged all Michigan tribes to a walking challenge. The challenge started on March 21, 2007, and finished on July 13, 2007. All participants from KBIC received a log book and a pedometer. The winner was determined by the highest average number of steps per participant. The results were as follows: Keweenaw Bay - 1,243,339 steps;

Grand Traverse - 780,979 steps; Little Traverse - 728,932 steps; Huron Potawatomi - 675,062 steps; Little River Band - 522,299 steps; Saginaw Chippewa - 325,440 steps

Almost all of KBIC's 11 participants who completed the challenge had over a million steps, the few who didn't were very close. KBIC was recognized at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, on July 20, 2007, as the winners of the challenge. KBIC also received a (home-bound) plaque and a (traveling) plaque that will continue on to the next winner. Both of the plaques are on display at the KBIC health department. KBIC's goal is to keep both of the plaques at KBIC next year as well.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you.

Our Fall and school activities have already started; it was a great summer except for the lack of rain. Please continue to be very careful in the outdoors, as it is very dry and most of the State has been issued an outdoor burning ban. The Tribal Council also finds that extreme fire hazards exist on all Keweenaw Bay Reservation lands which include Baraga, Marquette, and Ontonagon County lands. In order to protect our members and Reservation from catastrophic wildfires, the Council passed Resolution KB 1569-2007 which was effective on Thursday, August 27, 2007, that forbids all open burning until the Council deems it necessary to lift the ban except for the use of cultural fires for ceremonial purposes. Continue to pray for our KBIC Beartown Firefighters; they have had a busy summer, and we are appreciative of their hard work and devotion to keep everyone safe.

Many of us will be traveling to NMU in Marquette on September 10<sup>th</sup> to attend the public hearing on the Kennecott Eagle Rock project in the Yellow Dog Plains to comment on the permits, State land lease agreement and mine reclamation plan. If you cannot attend the hearing, we ask that you please submit your written comments to the DEQ (see notices) and write the Governor. Make everyone you know aware of the potential dangers to our air, water, and land. Our Tribe continues to oppose this mine project and we continue to work on this opposition.

I also urge you to read the pamphlet regarding the donation of blood. I have heard that 70% of people could save lives by donating but only 5% give. It is a wonderful way to help someone in need. To know love "Zah gi di win" is to know peace. Feel and give absolute kindness for all things around you. To love yourself is to live at peace with the creator and in harmony with all creation (another one of our seven teachings)

Congratulations to our Casinos for being awarded the "Best Slot Attendants, Most Friendly Staff, Most Knowledgeable Staff, and the Friendliest Dealers" by the Midwest Gaming and Travel Magazine July 2007 issue. Good job everyone! We are very proud of you and appreciative of your hard work. Also a big Megwetch to everyone who planned and helped with our great, fun filled employee picnics throughout the summer. Say thank you to them; they deserve a pat on the back for all of their hard work.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend (continue to do your best at school).

~Susan J. LaFernier, President

# Fiesta! A Good Time Had.



(Above) Evelyn Holappa; (Bottom right) crafters—(l to r) Brenda McKittrick, Diane Charron, and Nancy Haataja; (Top picture)—Ojibwa Senior Citizens having fun!

Fun was had by all at the annual senior picnic sponsored by the Tribal Health Department programs. Fiesta was the theme this year. Sn-cones served as margaritas, and the sombrero hats added festive color. The participants learned about nutrition during the diabetes bingo. Salsa music was the background while they ate their fajitas and socialized. Piñatas and night light crafts finished the day, and everyone went home smiling and laughing.

# Cultural Center Grand Opening September 24-28, 2007

Located at:  
Ojibwa Campground, Baraga, Michigan

## Public Invited

Come and tour the newly renovated Cultural Building  
Participate in Cultural Preservation Activities throughout the week  
Oral History Workshop  
Cultural Teachings  
Traditional Craft Workshops  
Black Ash Basket Weaving  
Rush Mat Weaving  
Beading  
Dreamcatchers  
Drum Workshop  
Feast  
AND MUCH MORE!

## Watch for schedules coming out soon

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Nutrition Director of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and has worked for over ten years in different capacities for the tribe. Dave's interest is writing poetry, and he has two poems published. His hobbies are custom leather work, impersonating Elvis, playing the harmonica, riding his new Harley and picking up litter two hours a day. Dave has two companions—his black labs.

John Jacker is the son of Annabelle LaFerner and John Bernard Jacker. As a child, John attended the orphanage at the old tribal center and then transferred to Alpena, Michigan. He has been married to his wife, Carol, for forty-two years, and together they have raised eight children. John moved back to the reservation in 2000. John served in the United States Air Force.

Nellie LeMaire is 96 years old. She was married to the late Henry LeMaire, and together they raised his five children in the Marquette area, and her grandchildren, Robbie, Mike and Roger. Nellie worked for the Holy Family Home Orphanage in Marquette until she retired. She was an active member of St. Christopher where she volunteered for many years helping out with funerals, catering, fundraising sales and working with Father John Hascal. She is known as Aunt Nellie and loves to sit and talk about the old days of the sugarbush.

Veronica Adams is the daughter of Mary and Bill White. Veronica married Jack Beauchamp of Mason, Michigan, had six children and was widowed. Later she married Wallace Adams and worked for the Keweenaw Home Care. Now retired, she is enjoying life as a grandmother, hanging out at the senior center and participating in pow-wows.

Saturday scheduled festivities included an adult fry bread contest where KB's Valerie Voakes won unanimously. Valerie lives in L'Anse and has been making fry bread all of her life. She has been a food vendor for the past six powwows. Alicia Rosebear, 15, from Minneapolis, Minnesota (Frybread Express) won the youth fry bread contest. Alicia told us that she just learned to make fry bread this weekend from a good teacher, her Auntie Ann.

The Youth Two-Step winners (ages up to 15) were Raistline Awonohopay (Menominee, Ojibwa) of Baraga, Michigan, and Megan Tucker (Lac du Flambeau, Ojibwa) of Zeba, Michigan. They also were the youth head dancers for the weekend. The Adult Two-Step winners (16 and up) were: Michelle Reed (Ojibwa) and Alex Alvanez of Almore, AL. Michelle Reed was the head female dancer and Tim Loonsfoot was the head male dancer for the weekend. Head Veteran dancer was Albany Potts (Ojibwa) and female Veteran dancer was Denise Cadeau (Ojibwa).

This year's pow-wow was organized by a new pow-wow committee who did a fine job with such a big event. If you didn't make it to this year's event, mark your calendar for next year (it's always the last full weekend in July), as next year's event promises to be even bigger. As the emcees announced, "We're telling everyone. Keweenaw Bay sure knows how to treat their guests!"



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Newly crowned, Chelsea Lynn Seymour, Miss Keweenaw Bay, with Shauna Peltó, Miss Keweenaw Bay 2006, and her parents Tammi and Mike Seymour.



(Above) Co-Host Drum — Pipestone from Lac Courte Oreilles, Wisconsin. (Below) Host Drum — Medicine Trail from Almore, Alabama.



Master of Ceremonies (l to r) Neil Lawhead (Ottawa/Paumunkey) and Pete Gahbow (Ojibwa).

Not shown: Ted Holappa (Ojibwa) was Honorary Emcee and Lester Drift (Ojibwa) Arena Director.



"Val's Place" sold out of Indian Tacos this year! Valerie Voakes won the Adult Fry Bread competition. Valerie was presented her plaque by Marty Curtis, Chairman of the KBIC Pow-wow Committee (left).



Elvera Lantz, pow-wow committee member, (left) presented Alicia Rosebear, winner of the Youth Fry Bread competition with her plaque.



(Above) Alex Alvanez and Michelle Reed, Two-Step Champions! (Right) Raistline Awonohopay and Megan Tucker.



Honored elder, Nellie LeMaire, found time to visit vendor alley. She purchased herself a pair of Indian crafted moccasins.



Cousins. Three of Fred Dakota's beautiful granddaughters... (l to r) Savannah Dakota, Keegin Kahkonen and Gabby Mayo.



Who better to be a judge than the fry bread maker of Keweenaw Bay, Doreen Blaker (above in yellow). (Above/right) A very polite young visitor to Keweenaw Bay. And an awesome traditional dancer (far right).



Regalia, compliments of Auntie Hope Dakota, I see. You do such fabulous work.



## Diabetes Talking Circle & Education

Best Western Lakeside Inn  
Baraga, MI  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

September 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
Diabetes Medication

October 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
Know Your Numbers

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
Don't Sweat It

Learn how you can earn a  
prize valued at \$20 or  
greater!

To register or for more  
information contact  
Kathy at 353-4519 or  
Heather at 353-4546.

Sponsored by the KBIC Diabetes  
Program

## Grocery Store Tour



Tuesday, September 11th  
1:00 p.m.  
Pat's Foods in L'Anse



Your Tour Guide Will Be:  
Dale Schmeisser, RD



To register or for more  
information call Heather  
at 353-4546 or  
Kathy at 353-4519.

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## KBTPD RECEIVES NEW PATROL UNITS



Pictured above is Chief Dale Dakota, of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department, with the department's two new patrol units. The department recently purchased the two 07' Dodge Chargers after receiving grant funds from the COPS equipment grant. Chief Dakota indicated he took delivery of the two new units in mid-July from bid winner Big Valley Ford. Both units after receiving detailing, are now patrolling the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

## AMNESTY MONTH!

For those of you who have  
overdue books and suspect  
you have large fines.....I  
am "declaring amnesty" for the month  
of September. For your privacy, you  
may drop them into the book drop bin  
@ the entrance to the college.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

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staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

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- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

117 US 41 South Tel: (906) 524-2222  
L'Anse, MI 49946 Fax: (906) 524-2266

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor  
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

## Nursery Rhyme BABY SHOWER FOR YOU!

Thursday, September 13th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
at the Ojibwa Community College



Sponsored by: The March of Dimes Michigan Chapter Grant, Healthy Start, WIC, STEPS, Diabetes and the KBIC Dental



**Volunteers Needed!!**  
**We need volunteers for:**  
 Open Gym  
 Chaperoning Dances  
 Coaching Rez Runners/ MUTYBL Basketball  
 If you like working with youth and  
 spending a few hours a week with them  
 in recreational activities,  
 Please call, or stop by the  
 KBIC Youth Office M-F  
 8:00 a. m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Or call 353-4643 or 4644

#### Summary of Upcoming Youth Activities in Brief:

**Next Youth Meeting is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Commons Area.** We need to plan a float for the MTU Parade of Nations, slated for September 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). We need dancers for our float. First Place is \$250.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is \$150.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is \$100.00.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – we will be taking the youth van up to MTU** to activate our L'Anse and Baraga Schools AISES ( American Indian Science and Engineering) Chapters in both High Schools. These chapters will help promote science and math activities for our youth, and you can also become eligible to attend the National AISES Science Fair held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – MTU Parade of Nations,** we will be taking a van of youth up to dance near our float – This year's theme is "Smiles Have No Borders" (Imagine what we can do with a native smiley face) J, and our youth dancers and drum!!!

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - KBIC Halloween Party** – we need youth to help make an awesome SPOOK House, decorate, run games and activities during the party and clean up.

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – MTU Powwow** – Once again, we will have a Nacho Booth. Youth need to sign up to work at the booth, bring your regalia and dance for an honorarium, and we also need youth to help monitor the bathrooms and behind the curtains up at the Gates Tennis Center (you will be working with college kids doing this).

**November 1-3, 2007** (we will be leaving October 31, and returning on the 4<sup>th</sup>) for the AISES Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The theme this year is "MISSION: Success". Four Youth (juniors/seniors) will be picked to go from Baraga and L'Anse or Marquette. If you are interested in attending, please contact the youth office at 353-4643 or email Carole at: [clapointe@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:clapointe@kbic-nsn.gov)

#### **Youth enjoy "Kids Night at the Races"**

Several youth attended Kids Night at the Races on August 10, in Greenland. All children received a free NAPA hat and bags of candy from each racecar sponsor. Pictured are: Z. Cardinal, A. Beck and M. Beck in the bleachers at the Greenland Race Track.



#### **2007 Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League (MUTYBL) Schedule**

09/08/07	SCIT	@	UP United	12:00 p.m.	Bay Mills
09/08/07	GTB	@	LTBB	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix
09/15/07	UP United	@	LTBB	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix
09/15/07	SCIT	@	GTB	12:00 p.m.	Peshawbestown
09/29/07	LTBB	@	SCIT	12:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant
09/29/07	UP United	@	GTB	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix
10/06/07	UP United	@	SCIT	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix
10/06/07	LTBB	@	GTB	12:00 p.m.	Peshawbestown
10/20/07	LTBB	@	UP United	12:00 p.m.	Bay Mills
10/20/07	GTB	@	SCIT	12:00 p.m.	Mt. Pleasant
10/27/07	SCIT	@	LTBB	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix
10/27/07	GTB	@	UP United	12:00 p.m.	Charlevoix

**UP United Away games will be played at GTB Community Center, Charlevoix, MI. "UP United" consists of all KB Rez Runners, players from LVD, and Hannahville on ONE, U.P. united tribal team.**

The season starts on September 8, 2007, and ends on October 27, 2007, as to not interfere with boys and girls high school basketball season. Because some KB Rez Runners are in football and cheerleading, we will either leave late on Friday nights or early Saturday mornings on the weekends the games are scheduled. MUTYBL handbooks will be available from the Youth Offices. Teams are divided into two age divisions: Boys 14-18 years old Girls 14-18  
Boys 13 and under Girls 13-and under



There are MUTYBL rules and regulations and a Code of Ethics and Behavior. Players must be of Native American descent and be able to provide proof of tribal descent. Participants registering in the girls and boys 13 & under division having a birthday during the regular season will be able to continue in that age division through the end of the season. All players must have a sports physical prior to participating. A copy must be on file at the KBIC Youth Office. High School rules apply. Please come in to the Youth office or call 353-4643 or 4644, for more information.

Youth from LVD, Hannahville and Keweenaw Bay will meet at Niiwin Akeea Center on August 16<sup>th</sup> for preliminary Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) screening. All players from the three teams are now members of "UP United," which consists of members from all UP tribes. Final tryouts for the NAIG games for 2008, will be in December. Sixty tribal youth will be chosen to be a part of "Team Michigan" from the existing, formed tribal teams.

#### **Youth Waterskiing Class**



(Above) Kirk Hammel assists Sonja Welch onto his boat at Portage Lake. Also pictured are: Sierra Curtis, Ginger Shelfoe, and Tashina Emery. (Right) Ginger Shelfoe waterskiing on Portage Lake.

Another option for youth this summer was water skiing lessons. The first waterskiing lesson was held on July 24, at Portage Lake in Houghton. Four youth participated and had a great time beating the heat! Instructor was Kirk Hammel of Houghton. Hopefully, next summer we will start earlier and have more lessons!

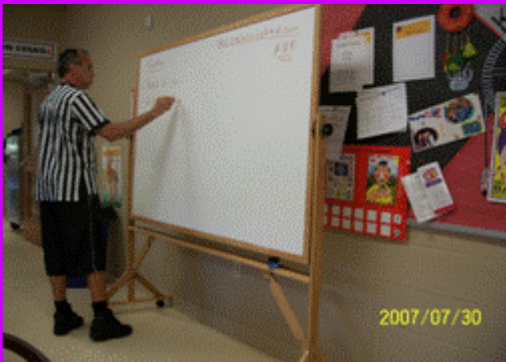




## Summer Rez Runner Clinic



A summer Rez Runner Basketball Clinic was held on July 30—31, here at the Niiwin Akeea Center. More than 20 tribal youth participated in the two-day event, that ran from 9 a.m. to noon each day.



The two-day clinic was held for ages five-eleven on the first day, and ages eleven-fourteen on Day Two. Dave Kempainen, who was home visiting his family for the Powwow, ran the clinic. Kempainen said he wanted to give the kids a view of basketball, from the "referee's point of

view." The participants were taught ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, screening, playing offense, playing defense and other techniques. Each participant will be receiving their own "REZ Ball" basketball when the shipment arrives. (Above) Tribal youth practice dribbling the ball. (Left) Dave Kempainen, going over key points of playing ball.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

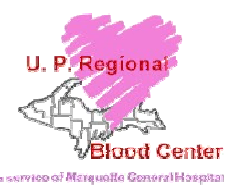


Call Tina Durant @ (906) 524-2222 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.



She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.

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Based at Marquette General, the Blood Center also has satellite centers in Escanaba, Hancock, Iron Mountain and Sault Ste. Marie.

To learn more about how you can become a community lifesaver by donating blood, call 906-225-4610 or 800-491-4483, or visit [www.mgh.org/blood](http://www.mgh.org/blood).

## Membership Drive for KBIC Youth Club

The KBIC Youth club is starting its' first membership drive. To be eligible, youth need only be KBIC members.

The youth club works on youth activities and fundraisers, for grades six-twelve, as well as community service projects here on the reservation. Officers are elected annually, and the group sets up its activities for the year. See related articles on different youth club activities.

Fill Out the Form Below, and bring it to the next meeting. Join up for an exciting year!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

The KBIC Youth Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Because of the first Monday falling on Labor Day, the Youth club will meet Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons area of the Niiwin Akeea Center, where the Youth Program offices are located. Hope to see you there!



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Ted Holappa, Director of the  
Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program  
at 906-440-7717 or 906-632-5204



### KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY



#### What is a Weed and Seed Initiative?

The weed and seed initiative is based on a strategy within the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. It is an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

The weed and seed initiative "weeds out" undesirable elements such as violent crime, gang activity, drug use, and drug trafficking in a targeted area of the community. The program then "seeds" the area by restoring those neighborhoods through a variety of social and economic revitalization activities. A community-oriented policing component bridges the weeding and seeding elements.

The weed and seed strategy is a multilevel strategic plan that includes four basic components: law enforcement; community policing; prevention, intervention, and treatment; and neighborhood restoration. Four fundamental principles underlie the Weed and Seed strategy; collaboration, coordination, community participation, and leveraging of resources.

#### Law Enforcement

Joint task forces of law enforcement agencies from all levels of government aim to reduce both crime and fear of crime which gives back hope to residents living in distressed neighborhoods and sets the stage for community revitalization.

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# September 2007

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Women Talking Circle.</u> Come join us on Thursday evenings, 7 pm at the Ojibwa Campground. Contact Cindy Curtis @ 353-6008 or 395-0854 for more information.						1
2	<b>3 Labor Day. Tribal Gov't offices are closed.</b>	<u>4 Youth Club meeting 5 pm (Parade of Nations float planning); Youth Club meeting 6 pm; 3:30 pm After School Program (Niiwin Akeea)</u>	<u>5 OCC Aerobic Class 5pm at Niiwin Akeea gym</u>	6	7	<b>8</b> 9 am, Tribal Council meeting; <u>MUTYBL 12 noon in Bay Mills; Soccer 10 am OCC East Field</u>
9	<b>10</b> 6 pm Youth Council meeting (Commons area); 1-4:30pm & 6-9:30 pm Consolidated Public Comment Period and Hearing	<b>11</b> Youth van traveling to MTU for High School AISES @ 8 am	<b>12</b> OCC Aerobic Class 5pm at Niiwin Akeea gym	<b>13</b> DHHS Baby Celebration 4 pm (Niiwin Akeea)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Parade of nations; <u>MUTYBL 12 noon in Charlevoix; Soccer 10 am OCC East Field</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm Public comment meeting—on the KBIC Tribal Revitalization and Preservation Plan at Resort Conference Rooms; <u>5pm KBICYC Business/Entrep Club (Niiwin Akeea)</u>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> OCC Aerobic Class 5pm at Niiwin Akeea gym	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Tentative—8 pm Youth Dance (Niiwin Akeea)	<b>22</b> Soccer 10 am OCC East Field
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cultural Center Open House Week	<b>25</b> Cultural Center Open House Week	<b>26</b> Cultural Center Open House Week; <u>OCC Aerobic Class 5pm at Niiwin Akeea gym</u>	<b>27</b> Cultural Center Open House Week	<b>28</b> MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY—Gov't Offices closed (Niiwin Akeea closed); Cultural Center Open House Week	<b>29</b> <u>MUTYBL 12 noon in Charlevoix; Soccer 10 am OCC East Field</u>
<b>30</b>	<b>UPDATED NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING.</b> The Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a consolidated public hearing on the Kennecott Eagle Project at Northern Michigan University, Don H. Bortum University Center, second floor, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI, 49855 on September 10, 2007, from 1:00 pm—4:30 pm, and 6:00 pm—9:30 pm.					

## YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED!

Coalition of groups and citizens opposed to Sulfide Mining on the Yellow Dog Plains in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan—ACTION ALERT.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Poised to Permit Sulfide Mining in the Lake Superior Basin!

Our Great Lakes quality of life is being threatened! The DEQ has resumed its review of the Eagle Project Mine permit application and reinstated its earlier proposed decision to approve a series of permits to the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company.

Deemed one of the most serious threats to water quality by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, acid mine drainage from sulfide mining has already polluted more than 12,000 miles of rivers and streams and over 180,000 acres of lakes and impoundments in the U.S. There has never been a metallic sulfide mine that has failed to pollute its watershed.

Speak out at a public hearing, write, or email the DEQ by October 17, 2007, and insist they act responsibly by denying Kennecott's proposal.

The public comment period will remain open through October 17, 2007. Send to: **DEQ/DNR Kennecott Comments, Office of Geological Survey, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, MI 48909-7756, or by email at [DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov](mailto:DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov).**

The mining permit application, technical reviews, and other documents may be accessed on the DEQ's Web page at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>, the click on Kennecott Eagle Project under "Issues to Watch."

We must contact Governor Jennifer Granholm to let her know the people's concerns. **Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, Michigan 48909 (Phone 517-373-3400) (Fax 517-335-6863).**

Stay current with the latest developments—[www.savethewildup.org](http://www.savethewildup.org).

The NMU Center for Native American Studies is pleased to offer additional courses of this fall. All courses are on the NMU campus. Locations TBA. —

- NAS 101 - Anishinaabe Language, Culture & Community & NAS 204 - Native American Experience
- NAS 101 meets the Division V liberal studies requirement.
- NAS 204 meets the Division II liberal studies requirement & World Cultures requirement.
- NAS 101-70 Anishinaabe Language, Culture & Community — Saturdays from 9 am -12:20 p.m. (beginning September 1, 2007)
- NAS 204-11 Native American Experience — Mondays & Wednesday from 4 - 5:40 pm (beginning August 27, 2007)
- NAS 204-12 Native American Experience — Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6 - 7:40 p.m. (beginning August 28, 2007)

The Center is also pleased and honored to introduce Adriana Greci Green and Kenn Pitawanakwat, new faculty with the NMU Center for Native American Studies.

For more information contact the Center for Native American Studies at (906) 227-1397.



## Open Enrollment for KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

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Employee fitness?  
Scenes from KBIC's Government Employee Picnic held on Friday, August 17. See [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) for more employee picnic photos.





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Community Policing

Community policing embraces two key concepts—community engagement and problem solving. Community policing strategies foster a sense of responsibility within the community for solving crime problems and help develop cooperative relationships between the police and residents.

Prevention, Intervention and Treatment

This component concentrates an array of human services on the designated neighborhoods and links law enforcement, social services agencies, the private sector, and the community to improve the overall quality of services to residents. Every Weed and Seed site is required to establish a Safe Haven, a multi-service center often housed in a school or community center, where many youth and adult-oriented services are delivered.

Neighborhood Restoration

Through coordinated use of federal, state, local, and private-sector resources, neighborhood restoration strategies focus on economic development, employment opportunities for residents, and improvements to the housing stock and physical environment of the neighborhood.

What is KBIC doing?

KBIC has been implementing a comprehensive strategy to assist our Native American Community in bringing together people and resources to prevent and control crime and therefore, improve the quality of life within the neighborhoods of the L'Anse Indian Reservation and Marquette Trust Lands.

In August 2007, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded \$175,000 for year one of the five-year plan. Each year KBIC will have the opportunity to apply for the next year's funding totaling \$1,000,000 over a five year period. The Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office has now recognized the KBIC as an official Weed and Seed site. A Weed and Seed Steering Committee has met regularly since June 2006. In January 2007, the grant application was submitted and sub-committees were formed. The five-year plan focuses on the development of the identified Weed and Seed strategies in the three designated neighborhoods of Baraga, Zeba and the Marquette Trust Lands.

The strategies will include the establishment of re-entry programs for youth, young adult and adult offenders; school liaison programs; Police Activity League (PAL) program activities for youth; neighborhood restoration projects; and expansion of the canine officer program.

Some activities have started, such as the establishment of two of the three KBIC Safe Havens, a Drug Tip Line, community awareness and community education. KBIC Safe Havens have been identified as the Niiwin-Akeaa (Four Directions) Center in Baraga, the KBIC Community Center located on the Marquette Trust Lands near the Ojibwa Casino in Harvey, and in the future the Zeba KBIC Community Center will be reopened to the community and become a Safe Haven.

This is a great opportunity for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Keep a look out for more information on activities, events, and accomplishments in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Newsletter and local newspapers.

**Other Notes:** KBIC will be hiring a full-time Weed and Seed Coordinator who will be supervised by KBIC Chief of Police, Dale Dakota.

The Weed and Seed Steering Committee consists of:

Captain William "Chill" Seppanen, KBIC Police Captain, Steering Committee Chairperson  
Judith Heath, Director of Social Services, Steering Committee Vice Chairperson  
Carrie Ashbrook, Marquette Community Representative, Steering Committee Secretary  
Carole LaPointe, KBIC Youth Director, Baraga Community Rep., Steering Committee Treasurer  
Susan LaFrenier, Tribal Council President  
Doreen Blaker, Tribal Council, Youth Committee, Baraga Community Representative  
Dale Dakota, KBIC Chief of Police  
Bradley Dakota, KBIC Chief Judge, KBIC Drug Task Force  
KBIC Prosecuting Attorney  
Joseph O'Leary, Baraga County Prosecuting Attorney  
Bob Teddy, Baraga County Sheriff  
Michael Lovelace, Marquette County Sheriff  
Vicki Dompier, Ojibwa Housing, KBIC Drug Task Force  
Nancy Voakes, Zeba Community Representative  
Michael Yasenchak, Drug Enforcement Officer  
Kaye Hooker, Assistant United States Attorney

Weed Committee Members (Weed and Seed Sub-Committee):

Dale Dakota, KBIC Chief of Police, Weed Committee Chairperson  
Bradley Dakota, KBIC Chief Judge  
Doreen Blaker, Tribal Council, Youth Committee, Baraga Community Representative  
Michael Lovelace, Marquette County Sheriff  
Bob Teddy, Baraga County Sheriff  
Wanda Seppanen, KBIC VOCA, Baraga Community Representative  
Bill Kirchhofer, Juvenile Justice Worker, KBIC Drug Task Force  
Marty Curtis Jr., New Day Treatment Center  
KBIC Prosecuting Attorney  
Steve Cadeau, Tribal Court Probation Officer  
Michael Yasenchak, DEA Representative  
Jeff Davis, Assistant United States Attorney  
Joseph O'Leary, Baraga County Prosecuting Attorney

Seed Committee Members (Weed and Seed Sub-Committee):

Judith Heath, Director of Social Services, Seed Committee Chairperson  
Mike Jensen, Acting Director, New Day Treatment Center/KBIC Outpatient Services  
Carole LaPointe, Baraga Community Representative  
Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director  
KBIC Community Economic Developer and/or Grant Writer  
Becky Tussing, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC Drug Task Force  
Carrie Ashbrook, Marquette Community Representative  
Pastor John Henry, Zeba Indian Mission Methodist Church, Faith Community Representative  
Norm McKindles, Baraga School Superintendent  
Cherie Dakota, KBIC DHHS Director  
Valerie Voakes, Ojibwa Housing Authority, KBIC Drug Task Force  
Paul Halverson, New Day Treatment Center, Traditional Community Representative  
Nancy Voakes, Zeba Community Representative

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Rice Making Moon — September

Crossword Puzzle

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Word List

Nooshkaachinaagan  
Manoominike  
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Nooshkaachige  
Okaadakik  
Wiikondiwag  
Bawa'iganaak  
Manoominike

Down

2. - Parching pan  
3. - He/she fans rice  
4. - Have a feast/  
invites spirits to eat  
5. - He/she jigs rice  
6. - He/she knocks  
rice

Across

1. - Birchbark basket  
for fanning rice  
7. - Knocking stick  
8. - He/she harvest

Hint: Do the Fill In The Blank first.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

O \_ \_ \_ \_ N - Birchbark basket for fanning rice  
\_ \_ \_ \_ - He/she knocks rice  
\_ \_ OM \_ \_ - He/she harvest wild rice  
\_ A \_ \_ K \_ \_ - Parching pan  
N \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ G \_ - He/she fans rice  
\_ \_ \_ I \_ K \_ \_ - He/she jigs rice  
\_ \_ \_ ' I \_ \_ A \_ - Knocking stick  
\_ \_ \_ \_ D \_ \_ G - Have a feast/invites spirits to eat



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Employment Opportunities

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

Grant Writer — deadline 09/07/07

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